

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2817

As of February 23, 2010

Title: An act relating to a person's identifying information submitted in the course of using the electronic statewide unified sex offender notification and registration program for the purpose of receiving notification regarding registered sex offenders.

Brief Description: Exempting a person's identifying information from public disclosure when submitted in the course of using the sex offender notification and registration program for the purpose of receiving notification regarding registered sex offenders.

Sponsors: Representatives O'Brien, Pearson and Kelley.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/10/10, 96-0.

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 2/25/10.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Staff: Shani Bauer (786-7468)

Background: The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) operates an electronic statewide unified sex offender notification and registration program (SONAR) which contains a database of all registered sex offenders in the state of Washington. As required by law, WASPC creates and maintains a public website which posts all level II and level III sex offenders. WASPC may also disclose information about offenders classified as level I upon the request of any victim or witness to the offense or any community member who lives near the offender.

The SONAR system allows a person to register to receive an email alert whenever an offender registers within 1 mile of the person's address. To register, the person must submit his or her name, address, and email address.

Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill (Proposed Amendments): Information about a person who registers to receive email alerts from the SONAR system, including the person's name, address, and email address, is exempt from public disclosure.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.